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STOP SELF-ALIGNED TO STORAGE TRENCH

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003, applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-11, for continued prosecution in the above-identified patent application. This response is being submitted in accordance with the revised amendment formation that was published in a Pre-OG Notice dated February 6, 2003.

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